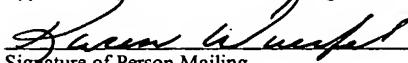




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<p>In re Application of:</p> <p>Assignee: ConAgra Dairy Products Company</p> <p>Inventors: T. Henry, <i>et al.</i></p> <p>Application No: 10/086,134</p> <p>Title: PROCESS FOR MAKING CHEESE</p> <p>Prior Docket No.: 47267</p> <p>New Docket No.: 703131-2001</p>	<p>Art Unit: 1761</p> <p>Examiner: Leslie A. Wong</p> <p>CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR § 1.8</p> <p>Date of Deposit: June 17, 2004</p> <p>I hereby certify that this paper and all enclosures are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail on the date indicated above in an envelope addressed to Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450.</p> <p>Type or Print Name of Person Mailing: Karen Wuerfel</p> <p> Signature of Person Mailing</p>
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Sir:

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It is respectfully requested that the Examiner indicate consideration of the cited references by returning a copy of the attached form PTO/SB/08A/B with initials or other appropriate marks. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No.50-2518, billing reference number: 703131-2001 for any additional fees required in connection with the filing of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.

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